

1 little city halls, ^{where citizens can} ~~they can go to the areas~~ and be heard, and
 2 ~~they~~ know someone is listening to them.

3 The Local Government Article is short. ^{Although new, the} Civil
 4 unit concept, ~~though new, I think~~ is clearly defined, in it.
 5 We strongly urge that this provision be adopted.

6 Let us turn to Section 7.11. This section is in-
 7 tended to limit the amount of authority which can be granted
 8 or delegated to intergovernmental authorities to finance
 9 their activities. Its purpose is not just to ^{clarify} ~~make clear~~ in
 10 the Local Government Article) the limitations on the power
 11 of authorities to tax. I mentioned that because in the

12 ~~General Provisions an article, rather a section, that is~~

13 ^{The Committee on} ~~being recommended by~~ State Finance and Taxation will indi-
 14 ^{as recommending} ~~cate only a representative government can, popularly~~

15 elected representative government, will have power to tax.

16 ^{Section 7.11} ~~It~~ is also ~~to~~ makes crystal clear that authorities
 17 may collect taxes which have been imposed by another

18 government and ^{may} ~~impose~~ service and benefit charges. This
 19 is essential if operations such as the Maryland Port Auth-
 20 ority and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission are to
 21 continue.